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Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

The Senate was called to order at 4:40 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Edmonds	Mizell
Allain	Fesi	Myers
Bass	Foil	Owen
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Pressly
Carter	Hodges	Price
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Connick	Lambert	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Total - 24		

ABSENT

Abraham	Jenkins	Reese
Barrow	Luneau	Selders
Cloud	McMath	Stine
Harris	Miguez	Talbot
Jackson-Andrews	Morris	
Total - 14		

The President of the Senate announced there were 24 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Reverend Thomas Shepard, following which the Senate joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of March 17, 2026, was adopted.

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29—
BY SENATOR SELDERS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 13, 2026, as Knock Knock Children's Museum Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to recognize the museum's contributions to early childhood education, family engagement, and economic vitality in Louisiana.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of the Honorable Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka, former district attorney, judge, and Louisiana state senator, and to commend his legacy of many years of dedicated public service.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31—
BY SENATOR LUNEAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize Donald G. "Don" Kelly, former legislator and attorney, for his distinguished public service and long-standing years of service to the people of Louisiana.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the members of the Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association (LATA) for their dedicated hard work on behalf of the athletes of Louisiana and to designate March 24, 2026, as LATA Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize the women who play a critical role in Louisiana's many industries, particularly in the chemistry industry.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**Introduction of
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—
BY SENATORS MORRIS AND CATHEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Jerry O. Arledge, a beloved coach and mentor, who dedicated more than five decades of his life to influencing high school athletics and athletes, and shaping young lives throughout West Monroe and beyond.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on
Second Reading to be Referred**

SENATE BILL NO. 408—
BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1034.2(B), (C), and (F), 1201(E), 1203(B), 1203.2, and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(12) and to enact R.S. 23:1021(14), 1142(F) and Subpart K of Part 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 23:1200.18 through 1200.26, relative to workers' compensation; to establish an All Workers' Compensation Medical Claims Database; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Works, office of workers' compensation administration; to provide for mandatory reporting of medical and pharmacy claims data; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for confidentiality and data protections; to provide for public record exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

SENATE BILL NO. 409— BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To enact Part II-A of Subchapter A of Chapter 5-F of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1264 and 1264.1, relative to public health; to provide relative to paid leave for living organ donors; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for legislative intent; to provide relative to eligibility; to provide relative to verification procedures by employers; to prohibit forfeiture of leave under certain circumstances; to provide relative to paid leave by private employers; to provide relative to definitions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27— BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on the occasion and celebration of its 154th Anniversary.

On motion of Senator Boudreaux the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28— BY SENATOR BASS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Patricia Ann McKinney Pendergrass.

On motion of Senator Bass the resolution was read by title and adopted.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14— BY SENATOR HODGES AND REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the month of March 2026, as "Flood Awareness Month" in Louisiana and to commend the invaluable contributions of all professionals working every day to protect lives, homes, businesses, and communities from floods.

The concurrent resolution was read by title. Senator Hodges moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table listing names of senators and representatives who voted 'YEAS' for the concurrent resolution, including Mr. President, Edmonds, Mizell, Abraham, Fesi, Myers, Allain, Foil, Owen, Barrow, Hensgens, Pressly, Bass, Hodges, Price, Boudreaux, Jackson-Andrews, Seabaugh, Carter, Jenkins, Stine, Cathey, Kleinpeter, Talbot, Cloud, Lambert, Wheat, Connick, McMath, Womack, Duplessis, Miller, and a total of 32.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table listing names of senators who were absent: Harris, Luneau, Miguez, Morris, Reese, Selders, and a total of 6.

The Chair declared the Senate adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15— BY SENATOR STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the common bond and mutual interest between Quebec and the state of Louisiana and to welcome the Honorable Christopher Skeete, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, to the Louisiana State Capitol.

The concurrent resolution was read by title. Senator Stine moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table listing names of senators and representatives who voted 'YEAS' for the concurrent resolution, including Mr. President, Edmonds, Mizell, Abraham, Fesi, Myers, Allain, Foil, Owen, Barrow, Hensgens, Pressly, Bass, Hodges, Price, Boudreaux, Jackson-Andrews, Seabaugh, Carter, Jenkins, Stine, Cathey, Kleinpeter, Talbot, Cloud, Lambert, Wheat, Connick, McMath, Duplessis, Miller, and a total of 31.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table listing names of senators who were absent: Harris, Luneau, Miguez, Morris, Reese, Selders, Womack, and a total of 7.

The Chair declared the Senate adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

March 18, 2026

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

Table listing House Bills and Joint Resolutions: HB No. 300, HB No. 464, HB No. 618, HB No. 112, HB No. 657, HB No. 354, HB No. 346, HB No. 675.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 112—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:355.2, relative to the relocation of a child; to specify how miles are measured for relocation of a child; to provide for technical changes; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 300—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:243(C)(1) and (2), relative to powers and functions of state banks; to provide for price thresholds for required residential appraisals; to increase the thresholds; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 346—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHAMERHORN, ADAMS, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOUDREAU, BOURRIQUE, BOYD, BOYER, BRAUD, BROUSSARD, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HENRY, HILFERTY, HORTON, ILLG, MIKE JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MCFARLAND, MELERINE, MENA, MOORE, MURRAY, ORGERON, OWEN, PHELPS, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, STAGNI, TARVER, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILEY, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To redesignate a portion of United States Highway 171 from Louisiana Highway 118 to Sandra Lane in Florien, Louisiana, as the "Speaker Joe R. Salter Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 354—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA
AN ACT

To redesignate the bridge located on Louisiana Highway 64 over the Amite River at the boundary of East Baton Rouge Parish and Livingston Parish as the "Caleb Easterling Memorial Bridge"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 464—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.17(A), relative to mandatory reporting of damage to utilities; to provide for notification from excavators or demolishers; to provide for notification from the regional notification center; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 618—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:104(C) and (D) and 104.1(B)(1) and (2), (D), and (E) and to enact R.S. 36:104(E), relative to fees and costs assessed by Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for the amounts of certain fees and costs of the department; to authorize a new fee of the department; to authorize reductions in and waiving of certain fees at the discretion of the secretary of the department; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 657—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 182 in the city of Jeanerette, between Hubertville Road and Canal Street, as the "Berwick 'BJ' LeJeune, Jr. Memorial Highway"; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 182 between the cities of Jeanerette and Sorrel, as the "Ret. Judge Richard T. 'Dickey' Haik, Sr. Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 675—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER AND SENATOR WOMACK
AN ACT

To designate a portion of United States Highway 425 from Morgan Street to Louisiana Highway 913 in the parish of Franklin as the "Assistant Chief Bill 'Putt' Linder Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HCR No. 21

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend John Keith of AllState Land and Timber on being named Louisiana Outstanding Logger of the Year.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

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House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 78— BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(G), relative to jurisdictional limits of city courts; to provide with respect to the jurisdictional amount in dispute in the City Court of Bogalusa; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary A.

HOUSE BILL NO. 190— BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL AN ACT

To enact Civil Code Article 2317.2, relative to software and computer programs; to provide for a standard of care in design, development, licensing, manufacture, and sale; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary A.

HOUSE BILL NO. 355— BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE AND SENATOR MIZELL AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 10 in Washington Parish as the "Veterans Park Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL NO. 356— BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE AN ACT

To designate the elevated portion of Louisiana Highway 315, commonly referred to as the Bayou Dularge Bascule Bridge, over the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Terrebonne Parish, city of Houma, as the "Elward T. Brady, Jr. Memorial Bridge"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL NO. 358— BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 433 in Slidell, Louisiana, as the "Charles R. Bordelon Sr. Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL NO. 384— BY REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT AND GLORIOSO AND SENATOR OWEN AN ACT

To designate a portion of United States Highway 11 in St. Tammany Parish between Carollo Drive and Kostmayer Avenue as the "Dan DeBlanc American Hero Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL NO. 427— BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, EDMONSTON, MIKE JOHNSON, AND LARVADAIN AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2717.4(B)(3) through (10), (C)(4), and (5)(a), relative to material harmful to minors; to provide for

definitions; to make technical changes; to provide relative to settings on minor accounts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary A.

HOUSE BILL NO. 716— BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM AN ACT

To designate the Chalmette Ferry terminal as the "Michael C. Ginart, Jr. Ferry Terminal"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16— BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMENT, ADAMS, BACALA, CARPENTER, CHENEVERT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, LACOMBE, TERRY LANDRY, MARCELLE, MCMAKIN, VENTRELLA, AND WILDER AND SENATORS EDMONDS, FOIL, HODGES, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, AND MORRIS A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Guaranty Corporation.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Cloud moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists names like Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Edmonds, Total - 31.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists names like Duplessis, Harris, Luneau, Total - 7, Miguez, Morris, Reese, Selders.

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17— BY REPRESENTATIVES LARVADAIN, DEWITT, AND MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATOR LUNEAU A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana on the death of Dr. Joe S. Green, "The Bayou Bishop".

The resolution was read by title. Senator Price moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Myers
Abraham	Foil	Owen
Allain	Hensgens	Pressly
Barrow	Hodges	Price
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Stine
Carter	Kleinpeter	Talbot
Cathey	Lambert	Wheat
Cloud	McMath	Womack
Connick	Miller	
Edmonds	Mizell	
Total - 31		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Duplessis	Miguez	Selders
Harris	Morris	
Luneau	Reese	
Total - 7		

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT AND GLORIOSO
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Pope John Paul II Catholic High School Lady Jaguars Soccer Team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2026 Division IV state championship.

The resolution was read by title. Senator McMath moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miller
Abraham	Fesi	Mizell
Allain	Foil	Owen
Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Bass	Hodges	Price
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Carter	Jenkins	Stine
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Talbot
Cloud	Lambert	Wheat
Connick	McMath	Womack
Total - 30		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Duplessis	Miguez	Reese
Harris	Morris	Selders
Luneau	Myers	
Total - 8		

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Senator Beth Mizell, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs, submitted the following report:

March 18, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to submit the following report:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish the Louisiana-Ireland Trade Commission.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 79—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(a), relative to Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for the re-creation of Louisiana Economic Development and the statutory entities made a part of Louisiana Economic Development by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 80—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:2370.13, 2370.15, 2370.32(B), 2370.41, and 2370.51 and to enact R.S. 51:1362.1, relative to the regulation of certain broadband services; to provide for the oversight and enforcement authority of the office of broadband development and connectivity; to provide for administration fees; to provide for reimbursement of grantees; to provide for grants; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 280—
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:2150.1(25) and 2156.5, relative to the State Licensing Board for Contractors; to provide relative to well drilling; to provide for licensure; to provide for contractor classifications; to provide for terms and definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 291—
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:141 through 154, 156, 157, and 158 and to repeal R.S. 37:146.1, relative to architects; to provide for licensing of entities engaged in architecture; to provide for composition of the State Board of Architectural Examiners; to provide for the powers, duties, and functions of the board; to provide for licensing requirements; to provide for initial licenses and qualifications; to provide for issuance of reciprocal licenses; to provide for board approval to revoke, rescind, and suspend

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licenses; to provide for violations and enforcement of board actions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
BETH MIZELL
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

EDUCATION

Senator Rick Edmonds, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

March 18, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Education to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 27—
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:100.13(A), (D)(1) and (2), (E)(1), (F)(2)(e) and (f), (G)(2)(d), the introductory paragraph of 100.13(I)(1), and the introductory paragraph of 100.13(I)(2), relative to expanded academic support for certain students; to provide for high-dosage tutoring; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 28—
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7.8(B)(3), relative to the associate educator program; to provide for participant requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 198—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:742, relative to historic preservation districts; to provide relative to historic district commission powers; to provide relative to bid requirements; to provide relative to a Certificate of Appropriateness from the historic preservation district commission; to provide relative to a historic preservation commission authorization to institute civil proceedings in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 305—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3138.2 and 3138.13(C), relative to the Board of Regents; to provide for Louisiana Works to collaborate with the Board of Regents to create a statewide dashboard for career alignment; to provide for information on educational and career opportunities; to provide for duties of the Board of Regents; to provide relative to the collection and analysis of data on work-based learning; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 310—
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3384 and R.S. 40:31.4, relative to student health centers; to provide with respect to student health centers in public schools; to provide with respect to student health centers on public postsecondary education institution campuses; to provide for the posting of certain information; to provide for pregnancy information and resources; to provide with respect to the design and content of the poster; to provide for requirements of the staff of centers; to provide for donations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 353—
BY SENATOR SELDERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3351(H), relative to student identification cards; to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College of the Louisiana State University System to make student identification cards available as a digitized credential; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
RICK EDMONDS
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Senator Patrick McMath, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Health and Welfare, submitted the following report:

March 18, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Health and Welfare to submit the following report:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—
BY SENATOR MYERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend the Louisiana Department of Health rule LAC 48:I.9305(N)(2)(b), to provide that hospital architectural plans shall comply with the most recent edition of the Facility Guidelines Institute, Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities; and to direct the Louisiana Register to print the amendment in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 4—
BY SENATOR FESI

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:5.11, relative to public water systems; to repeal mandatory fluoridation pursuant to the Louisiana Department of Health's water fluoridation program; to prohibit the fluoridation of public water systems unless approved in a local election; to provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 109—
BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1133.3(B)(1)(a), (b), and (d), relative to the Louisiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; to provide for membership; to provide for qualifications; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 152—
BY SENATOR FESI

AN ACT

To enact Part IV of Chapter 30 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 3:4748.1 through 4748.4, relative to cell cultured food products; to prohibit the sale of cell cultured food products for human consumption; to provide for penalties; to provide for rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 195—
BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1133.4(A)(9) and 1133.19, relative to emergency medical services; to provide for the administration of certain medications; to provide for protocols; to provide for limitations; to provide for immunity; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 216—
BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:111(B), relative to medical pronouncement of death; to provide relative to the information received from certain authorized personnel; to provide relative to licensed practical nurses; to authorize a coroner to make a medical pronouncement of death based on information received from licensed practical nurses in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 221—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1132, relative to ambulance providers; to provide for definitions; to provide for Medicaid coverage of certain services; to provide for reimbursement rates; to provide for rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 236—
BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:450.5.1, relative to kidney disease; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for requirements for the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for annual reviews; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 404—

BY SENATORS MCMATH, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, EDMONDS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, MIZELL, MYERS, OWEN, PRICE, SELDERS, STINE AND WHEAT AND REPRESENTATIVES BAGLEY, BERAULT, CARPENTER, CARVER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FISHER, GALLE, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, MCMAHEN, MENA, MILLER, WILDER AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:997 and to enact Part XIII of Chapter 5 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:1809 through 1809.15, relative to eye care providers; to provide for coverage of visual services; to provide

for vision benefit managers and vision benefit plans; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for covered and noncovered services and materials; to provide for credentialing and contracting requirements; to provide for unfair trade practices; to provide for enforcement; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK MCMATH
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
INSURANCE**

Senator Kirk Talbot, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

March 18, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Insurance to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 100—
BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 45:201.9, relative to proof of insurance by transportation network company drivers; to provide that a transportation network company driver shall provide proof of insurance coverage in the event of an accident; to provide that a transportation network company driver shall disclose whether he was logged on to the transportation network company's digital network or on a prearranged ride at the time of an accident; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 192—
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 22:1157(D)(2) and to enact R.S. 22:1157(A)(6) and (D)(2)(c) and (4), relative to the method of dental reimbursement or payments; to provide for definitions; to provide for payment of dental insurance claims to a provider; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 276—
BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1558.1, relative to the appointment of a bail bond producer; to provide for a preappointment affidavit; to provide for cancellation of an appointment if the bail bond producer fails to satisfy all forfeitures and judgments on prior bonds; to provide for reappointments; to provide for appeals; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 295—
BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1042.1, relative to coverage of medically necessary treatment for persons with acquired brain injuries; to require health insurance coverage of medically necessary treatment for

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persons with acquired brain injuries; to provide relative to limitations and cost-sharing; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
KIRK TALBOT
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Senator Alan Seabaugh, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, submitted the following report:

March 18, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 162—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1203.1(K), relative to the workers' compensation medical treatment schedule; to provide for appeals; to provide for the admissibility of evidence; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 382—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 23:1294 and R.S. 36:309(B)(2), relative to the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council; to repeal provisions relative to membership, appointment by the governor and confirmation by the Senate, reporting and policy recommendation requirements, and immunity from liability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 383—
BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1514(B), (C)(1)(a), and (D)(4) and (11) and 1553(B)(8) and (10) and to enact R.S. 23:1514(F) and 1536(E)(4) and (K), relative to the Incumbent Worker Training Program; to provide relative to the Incumbent Worker Training Account; to provide for the training of incumbent workers; to provide relative to eligibility requirements for businesses; to provide relative to customized training; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
ALAN SEABAUGH
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

NATURAL RESOURCES

Senator Bob Hensgens, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following report:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Natural Resources to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 111—
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:325(A)(13), relative to freshwater recreational fish; to provide for daily take and minimum size limits for black bass; to provide for daily take and minimum size limits for crappie; to provide for a geographic area; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 203—
BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325(B)(4) and 325.1(A)(4), relative to possession of recreational fish; to provide for a geographic location; to provide for possession limits; to provide for fishing licenses; to provide for largemouth bass and spotted bass; to provide for red drum and spotted sea trout; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 204—
BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of R.S. 56:305 and to repeal R.S. 56:305(C)(2), relative to commercial fishing gear; to provide for nonresident commercial gear licenses; to provide for prohibitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 214—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part I of Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and to enact R.S. 38:2502, relative to emergency preparedness; to provide for limitation of liability; to provide actions taken to reduce water levels; to provide for applicability, terms, and limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 257—
BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.4(B)(4) and 406(A)(3)(e), relative to fishing gear; to provide for commercial fishing gear; to provide for pompano strike nets; to provide for required information for tags issued; to remove certain requirements that a tag have the social security number of the holder of the tag; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
BOB HENSGENS
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

SENATE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senator Caleb Seth Kleinpeter, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 25—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:55(A)(1) and (2), and (C), 59(B)(1) and (2), and (C)(1) and (2), and (E), relative to the offices of parish registrars of voters; to provide relative to compensation of registrars and their chief deputies and confidential assistants; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 47—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:1302(D) and R.S. 43:82(5) as redesignated from R.S. 49:1302(D) by Acts 2025, No. 374, relative to boards and commissions; to require email and telephone information of each member on the website; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 202—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:423(E), relative to board of election supervisors; to provide for meetings of the board of election supervisors; to provide for eligible compensation days during an election; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 210—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:425(A)(1), relative to election commissioners; to provide for election commissioners at precincts during an election; to provide party primary elections; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 292—

BY SENATOR STINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:220.21, 220.23, and 220.24 and to repeal 49:220.26; relative to the powers and duties of the office of the state inspector general; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 335—

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:31.5, relative to legislative assistants for legislators; to provide for additional funding for legislative assistants of legislators representing more than three parishes; to provide for funds available to compensate a legislative assistant; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Senator Patrick Connick, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, submitted the following report:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to submit the following report:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—

BY SENATOR FESI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the full and unequivocal support of the Legislature of Louisiana for the development, construction, and long-term operation of a liquid natural gas (LNG) export facility at the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's Port Fourchon.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 2—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 977 in Pointe Coupee Parish as "The Falcons Band Highway"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 24—

BY SENATORS CONNICK, ABRAHAM, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CLOUD, MCMATH, PRICE, SEABAUGH AND WHEAT

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate Interstate 49 in the state of Louisiana as "Senator J. Bennett Johnston Jr. Memorial Highway"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 40—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:125, relative to the procedure for approaching vehicles adjacent to the highway; to provide for procedure for approaching authorized emergency vehicles parked adjacent to the highway; to provide for procedures approaching any vehicle in an emergency; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 48—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:404(F)(1) and to enact R.S. 32:404(G), relative to international driving privileges; to provide for technical corrections; to authorize establishing reciprocity with Ireland relative to driver's licenses; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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SENATE BILL NO. 70—
BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 1 in Caddo Parish as the "Officer Marc Brock Memorial Highway"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 115—
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 48:212(E), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development and the federal government; to provide for giving authority to the department to take over duties of the federal government; to provide for allowing limited lawsuits against the department; to provide for the department to accept funds from any federal agency; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 122—
BY SENATOR FESI

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:21(A) and to enact R.S. 48:1(25) and 23.1, relative to the preservation of bridges by the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for terms and definitions; to provide for functions and responsibilities of the department; to provide for reports to the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 133—
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:296(A), 400.2(B), 400.3(C) and 400.7(B), relative to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police; to provide for vehicles on state highway shoulders; to provide for proper agency oversight; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 330—
BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:47(A)(4) and to repeal 32:47(A)(5), relative to speed enforcement measures; to provide for pavement markings in school zones; to provide for school legends; to provide for compliance language with federal requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK CONNICK
Chair

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SENATE BILL NO. 44—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.1.6(E), relative to tactical medical professionals; to provide relative to firearms and ammunition carried by tactical medical professionals; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 68—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article V, Section 5(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to jurisdiction of the Louisiana Supreme Court; to provide for disciplinary proceedings over attorneys from other jurisdictions concerning legal services in the state and over related unethical practices; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 75—
BY SENATOR HODGES

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 29:726(E)(31), relative to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; to provide for authority and responsibilities; to require the office to perform certain functions or to assign functions to another state agency or department; to provide for promulgation of rules establishing cybersecurity standards applicable to local governmental subdivisions and political subdivisions that seek state assistance in response to a cybersecurity incident; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Original Senate Bill No. 75 by Senator Hodges

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 7, between "incident;" and "and to provide" insert the following: "to authorize promulgation of certain emergency rules;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 17, change "**Procedures**" to "**Procedure**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 13, change "**such**" to "**these**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 15 and 16 and insert the following:

"(c) The office may promulgate emergency rules to provide for the initial implementation of the provisions of this Paragraph."

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 77—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Arts. 2674, 2681, 2711, 2712, and 2713, and to enact Section 5 of Chapter 2 of Title IX of Book III of the Civil Code, to be comprised of Civil Code Arts. 2681.1 and 2681.2, and Civil Code Art. 2713.1, relative to leases of movable property; to provide for effects against third persons; to provide relative to delivery of leased goods; to provide for the effects of leases by nonowners; to provide relative to transfers of property subject to a lease; to provide relative to sublease and the assignment and encumbrance of lease interests; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 81—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 780(C), relative to the right to waive trial by jury; to provide for requiring written prosecutorial consent to jury trial waivers in noncapital felony cases; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 86—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:81.2(E) and 89.1(F), relative to sex offenses against juveniles; to require minimum mandatory sentences for persons who aid and abet a defendant convicted of certain sex offenses involving juveniles; and to provide for related matters.

Reported by substitute by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title; the committee substitute bill was read.

SENATE BILL NO. — (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 86 by Senator Morris)

BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:25, relative to parties to crimes; to provide for sentencing of accessories after the fact to sex offenses; to provide for mandatory minimum sentences; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:25 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§25. Accessories after the fact

A. An accessory after the fact is any person who, after the commission of a felony, shall harbor, conceal, or aid the offender, knowing or having reasonable ground to believe that he has committed the felony, and with the intent that he may avoid or escape from arrest, trial, conviction, or punishment.

B. An accessory after the fact may be tried and punished, notwithstanding the fact that the principal felon may not have been arrested, tried, convicted, or amenable to justice.

C. Whoever Except as provided in Subsection D of this Section, whoever becomes an accessory after the fact shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both; provided that in no case shall his punishment be greater than one-half of the maximum provided by law for a principal offender.

D.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, whoever becomes an accessory after the fact to a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 shall be imprisoned for not less than one-half of the minimum sentence provided by law for a principal offender and not more than one-half of the maximum sentence provided by law for a principal offender.

(2) Whoever becomes an accessory after the fact to a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 punishable by life imprisonment shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than ten years nor more than fifty years, without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

On motion of Senator Abraham, the committee substitute bill was adopted and becomes Senate Bill No. 410 by Senator Morris, substitute for Senate Bill No. 86 by Senator Morris.

SENATE BILL NO. 410— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 86 by Senator Morris)

BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:25, relative to parties to crimes; to provide for sentencing of accessories after the fact to sex offenses; to provide for mandatory minimum sentences; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 97—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article I, Section 17(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to jury trial in criminal cases; to require the prosecutor's consent for the defendant to waive a jury trial; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 127—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 4566(C) and to enact R.S. 9:1026 and 2374, relative to donations; to provide relative to management of affairs of the interdict; to provide relative to donations made by a curator on behalf of an interdict; to provide relative to the net worth of an interdict; to provide relative to donations inter vivos, and testamentary and charitable dispositions; to provide with respect to limitations and exceptions on donations and testamentary and charitable dispositions in certain circumstances; to provide with respect to tax exclusions, exemptions, and maximum limits in certain circumstances; to provide relative to forced heirs with disabilities; to provide relative to forced portion in certain circumstances; to provide relative to the net worth of a forced heir with disabilities; to provide for certain terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 139—
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5112(C), relative to suits against the state or a political subdivision; to provide relative to the accrual rate of legal or judicial interest on any claim for personal injury or wrongful death; to provide relative to requirements, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 154—
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 404(K), relative to jury commissions; to provide for the functions of the jury commission in the parish of West Baton Rouge; to transfer the functions of the jury commission to the clerk of court of West Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for terms, conditions, procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 181—
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:707(E)(5), (6), (7), (8) and (9) and to enact R.S. 4:707(E)(10) and (H)(5), relative to charitable raffles, bingo, and keno licensing; to provide for authorization to license certain organizations; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions, to provide for notice; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Original Senate Bill No. 181 by Senator Foil

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, at the end of line 26, change "Subsection" to "Paragraph (1) of Subsection"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 27, after "Section" delete the remainder of the line, delete line 28, at the beginning of line 29, delete "organizations." and insert a period "."

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 199—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:82.2(C)(2) and 83(B)(1)(b), relative to offenses concerning prostitution; to impose a mandatory minimum sentence for a second offense of purchase of commercial sexual activity; to impose a mandatory minimum sentence for second and subsequent offenses of soliciting for prostitutes; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 200—

BY SENATOR HODGES

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 29:43, relative to foreign adversaries and agents of foreign adversaries; to provide for the protection of military bases; to provide with respect to the ownership of immovable property by foreign adversaries and agents of foreign adversaries; to provide for the expropriation of property owned or controlled by foreign adversaries or agents of foreign adversaries under certain circumstances; to provide with respect to the constitutional police powers of the state; to provide with respect to threats to public health and safety; to provide for processes; to provide for definitions; to provide for declarations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 207—

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 571.2, relative to limitations on institution of prosecution; to provide relative to elected officials and public employees; to remove the prescriptive period for certain crimes committed by elected officials and public employees; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Original Senate Bill No. 207 by Senator Miguez

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 3, delete "remove" and insert "extend"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, delete "prescriptive period" and insert "time limitation on prosecution"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, delete "No time" and insert "Time"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 11, after "572," delete the remainder of the line and insert "the time limitation for"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, at the beginning of line 12, delete "upon"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 14, after "employment" insert "shall be ten years after the official's term of office during which the offense was committed ends or the official otherwise leaves or vacates the office, whichever is sooner, or ten years after the public employee's employment during which the offense was committed terminates"

On motion of Senator Abraham, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 208—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 29:296(I), relative to services for veterans; to provide for restrictions on services provided to veterans for compensation; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Original Senate Bill No. 208 by Senator Cathey

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" delete the remainder of the line and add the following: "amend and reenact R.S. 29:296(H) and to enact R.S. 29:296(B)(4), (F)(3), (I), and (J), relative to services for veterans; to provide for restrictions on"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert the following: "R.S. 29:296(H) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 29:296(B)(4), (F)(3), (I), and (J) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 9 through 11 and insert the following" "B.(1) * * *

(4) No person shall receive compensation for any services rendered in connection with any claim for a veteran that has never received a disability rating. * * *

F. Businesses engaging in the preparation of an initial claim or appeal of a disability rating for a fee shall not do any of the following: * * *

(3) Charge a fee for the termination of any contract or agreement, except for those fees charged for actual work performed prior to the request for termination. * * *

H. A private right of action shall exist for a veteran against any person who collected or intended to collect a fee from the veteran in connection with any contract or agreement where the person's negligent or reckless conduct caused a reduction of a disability rating, a denial of benefits, or a delay causing economic loss.

(1) A successful right of action shall be entitled to actual damages, lost retroactive benefits, diminished monthly compensation, and attorney fees.

(2) A successful action shall be entitled to treble damages for intentional misconduct.

H. I. An entity assisting veterans with their initial disability claims as prescribed within this Section shall, within one hundred

twenty days of the request, provide on an annualized basis of all of the following data to the Department of Veterans Affairs:

- (1) Aggregate number of serviced in the state.
- (2) Number of claims approved, denied, and pending.
- (3) Average claim return time.
- (4) Number of clients who received a successful increase who have a previously assigned "agent of record".
- (5) Data provided shall exclude any items of personal financial, medical, or other data deemed confidential, business privileged, or HIPAA protected information.

J. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to regulate accredited agents, attorneys, or representatives as defined in 38 CFR 14.627 or representation before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 277—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(H)(1) and (2)(a), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide for an exception for certain state officials to carry concealed weapons; to provide for an exemption for certain state officials to carry concealed weapons into the state capitol building; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Original Senate Bill No. 277 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete "R.S. 14:95(H)(1) and (2)(a)" and insert "R.S. 14:95(H)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, delete "R.S. 14:95(H)(1) and (2)(a) are" and insert "R.S. 14:95(H) is"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 2, after "governor;" insert "a" and change "assistants of" to "assistant to"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 3, after "lieutenant governor;" insert "a" and change "assistants of" to "assistant to"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 4, after "state;" insert "a" and change "assistants of" to "assistant to"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 5, after "treasurer;" insert "a" and change "assistants of" to "assistant to"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 6, after "forestry;" insert "a" and change "assistants of" to "assistant to"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 7, after "insurance;" insert "a" and change "assistants of" to "assistant to"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 17, after "officials" insert ",who may carry within the entirety of the state capitol building,"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, line 20, after "(a)" delete "(i)"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 2, delete lines 22 through 28 and insert:

"(b) Members of the legislature.

(3) Nothing in this Subsection shall permit the carrying of a weapon in the state capitol building, with the exception of the following state officials who may carry within the state capitol building except for within the chamber of the Senate, the chamber of the House of Representatives, and any legislative committee room, if the officials are annually qualified in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training:

(a) The governor and a designated member of his staff.

(b) The lieutenant governor and a designated member of his staff.

(c) The secretary of state and a designated member of his staff.

(d) The treasurer and a designated member of his staff.

(e) The commissioner of agriculture and forestry and a designated member of his staff.

(f) The commissioner of insurance and a designated member of his staff."

On motion of Senator Abraham, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 317—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 29:62(A) and 62(A)(1), relative to the Louisiana Military Advisory Council; to provide for membership of the council; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 336—
BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:438.9 and 438.10, relative to civil actions; to provide relative to the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Law; to provide relative to civil investigative demand, deposition, and subpoena; to provide with respect to conditions and requirements; to provide relative to contempt of court; to provide for terms and definitions; to provide relative to discovery; to provide with respect to written interrogatories and production and inspection of documents and things; to provide relative to civil proceedings and legal delays; to provide with respect to civil procedure; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Bill No. 336 by Senator Luneau

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 16, change "Subpart A" to "Subpart B"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, line 10, change "Subpart A" to "Subpart B"

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

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SENATE BILL NO. 349—
BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(k), relative to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 357—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:72.1 and 74, to enact R.S. 13:103.1, and to repeal R.S. 13:75, relative to the courts and the judiciary; to provide relative to the supreme court; to provide relative to courts of last resort of other states; to provide relative to adoption of rules; to provide relative to criers for the supreme court; to provide relative to the court's security personnel; to provide relative to statewide police power; to provide relative to the deputy secretary of public safety services; to provide relative to a justice's primary residence; to provide relative to certain vouchered expenses; to provide relative to reimbursement for official expenses; to provide relative to duly adopted rules of the court; to provide relative to employee compensation; to provide relative to public retirement systems; to provide relative to retirement of a crier of the supreme court; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Bill No. 357 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 21, after "sheriff." delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete line 22 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 23, delete "annum, payable monthly."

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on
Third Reading and Final Passage

Bagneris Rule

Senator Henry moved to invoke the rule to temporarily pass over controversial Senate Bills on Third Reading and Final Passage with the intention of taking them up later, in their regular order and to suspend the rules to specifically start with Senate Bill No. 163.

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 174—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the transfer of state property in Caddo Parish; to provide for the property description; to provide for reservation

of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Pressly moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:
YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Mizell
Abraham	Fesi	Myers
Allain	Foil	Owen
Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Bass	Hodges	Price
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Carter	Jenkins	Selders
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack

Total - 33

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris	Miguez	Reese
Luneau	Morris	

Total - 5

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Pressly moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 205—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.19 and 851.22(A), relative to boat registrations; to provide for vessel certificate numbers; to provide for motorboats, houseboats, and sailboats; to provide for approved numbering systems; to provide for documented vessels; to provide for federal documentation and marking of vessels; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 205 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 9, change "(2)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 9, following "(2)" and before "a federally" change "Already covered by" to "**Already covered by**"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Hensgens moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Myers
Abraham	Fesi	Owen

Allain	Foil	Pressly
Barrow	Hensgens	Price
Bass	Hodges	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Selders
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	McMath	Wheat
Connick	Miller	Womack
Duplessis	Mizell	
Total - 32		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris	Luneau	Morris
Jackson-Andrews	Miguez	Reese
Total - 6		

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Hensgens moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 213—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:852.3 and 852.4(A), relative to vessel and motor titling; to provide for titling requirements for certain vessels and outboard motors; to provide for exceptions and limitations; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Hensgens moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Myers
Abraham	Fesi	Owen
Allain	Foil	Pressly
Barrow	Hensgens	Price
Bass	Hodges	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Selders
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	McMath	Wheat
Connick	Miller	Womack
Duplessis	Mizell	
Total - 32		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris	Luneau	Morris
Jackson-Andrews	Miguez	Reese
Total - 6		

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Hensgens moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 218—
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:59.4(D)(1), relative to certification programs; to provide for training programs approved by the State Board of Election Supervisors; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Talbot proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Talbot on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 218 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 6, following "Section 1." insert "R.S."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, following "amended" and before "to" insert "and reenacted"

On motion of Senator Talbot, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Talbot moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Myers
Abraham	Fesi	Owen
Allain	Foil	Pressly
Barrow	Hensgens	Price
Bass	Hodges	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Selders
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	McMath	Wheat
Connick	Miller	Womack
Duplessis	Mizell	
Total - 32		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris	Luneau	Morris
Jackson-Andrews	Miguez	Reese
Total - 6		

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Talbot moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 220—
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 43:24(C), relative to the Official Journal of the State; to provide for a technical correction; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Talbot proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Talbot on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 220 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, following "amended" and before "to" insert "and reenacted"

On motion of Senator Talbot, the amendments were adopted.

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The bill was read by title. Senator Talbot moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, McMath, Miller, Mizell, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Seabaugh, Selders, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack. Total - 33

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Harris, Luneau, Miguez, Morris, Reese. Total - 5

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Talbot moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 229— BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the transfer of state property in Bossier Parish; to provide for the property description; to provide for reservation of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Bass moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, McMath, Miller, Mizell, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Seabaugh, Selders, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack. Total - 33

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Harris, Luneau, Miguez, Morris, Reese. Total - 5

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Bass moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 243—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.29, relative to vessel stops and boardings; to provide for vessel operation and equipment; to provide for safety of persons and property; to provide for law enforcement; to provide for compliance; to provide for authority to stop and board vessels; to provide for reasonable suspicion; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Kleinpeter moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, McMath, Miller, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Seabaugh, Selders, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack. Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Duplessis, Harris, Luneau, Miguez, Mizell, Morris, Reese. Total - 7

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Kleinpeter moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 375—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1615(A)(4) and to enact R.S. 40:1615(A)(5), relative to fire fighting foam; to provide for Class B fire fighting foam containing fluorinated organic chemicals; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Mizell moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Carter, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Mizell, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Seabaugh, Selders. Total - 33

Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack

Total - 33

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris	Miguez	Reese
Luneau	Morris	

Total - 5

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Mizell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 379—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:3(7), 4(C)(14), (D)(1)(a) and (5), (G), and (I)(2), 5(C)(1), the introductory paragraph of (C)(2), and (6), and (D)(1), 5.1(A)(1) and (B)(1), 6.1(A) and (C), 23(D)(2), 26, 29(A) and (I)(4), 73(1), 74(A)(3) and (B), 98.3(B), 101.2(A), 101.5(A), 127(A), 153(A), the introductory paragraph of 548, 917(F), 1110(C)(1)(f) and (g), and R.S. 36:357(A) and 358(B), to enact R.S. 30:84(A)(9) and (10), and to repeal R.S. 30:4(O)(3), 85, and 101.6, relative to the Department of Energy and Natural Resources as the Department of Conservation and Energy; to provide for technical corrections to the structure and organization of the department; to provide for powers and duties of the secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy; to provide for the office of state resources; to provide for leasing authority; to provide for instructions to the Louisiana Law Institute; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Hensgens proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Hensgens on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 379 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 5, line 7, following "1984" insert "1."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 13, line 28, following "contrary," and before "State" insert "the"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 16, following line 15 and before line 16 insert "* * *"

On motion of Senator Hensgens, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Hensgens proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Hensgens to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 379 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "(C)," and before "23(D)(2)," insert "21(D)(5),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "127(A)," insert "136.3(B)(1),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, delete "36:357(A) and 358(B)" and insert "36:358(B), (E)(2), and (G)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 7, after "Department of" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 8 and insert "Conservation and Energy; to provide for"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, at the beginning of line 12, insert "to provide for the Mineral and Energy Operation Fund;"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, at the beginning of line 17, insert "21(D)(5),"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 1, after "127(A)," insert "136.3(B)(1),"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, line 10, change "statute" to "**Section**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 7, between lines 7 and 8, insert:
"§21.1. Natural Resources Financial Security Fund
* * *

D. Monies in the fund shall be used solely for the following purposes:

* * *

(5) Upon request by the Natural Resources Trust Authority and with the approval of the Mineral and Energy Board, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer from the Natural Resources Financial Security Fund to the Mineral and Energy ~~Operations~~ **Operation** Fund such amounts as are approved by the board and deemed necessary to implement any purpose for which monies in the Mineral and ~~Operations~~ **Energy Operation** Fund may be used, subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with applicable law.

* * *"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 10, delete lines 6 and 7 and insert "property in the same manner as a lien provided under the Louisiana Oil Well Lien Act pursuant to R.S. 9:4861 et seq."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 12, line 27, change "mineral" to "**state**"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 13, line 1, change "mineral" to "**state**"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 13, line 5, change "mineral" to "**state**"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 14, between lines 3 and 4, insert:
"§136.3. Mineral and Energy Operation Fund
* * *

B. Out of the funds remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year as required by Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the treasurer in each fiscal year shall pay into the fund revenues and amounts from the following sources:

(1) The amount received by the state through the office of state resources from **royalty field audit collections and** nonjudicial settlements, including but not limited to settlements of disputes of royalty audit findings, title disputes, and acreage conflicts, and court-awarded judgments and settlements.

* * *"

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AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 16, line 16, after "Section 2." delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 17 through 25 and insert "R.S. 36:358(B), (E)(2), and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 17, between lines 5 and 6, insert:
"E. The office of state resources shall :

(2) Work in cooperation with the Center for Energy Studies Institute to maintain current surface and subsurface geological surveys of the state, or otherwise at the discretion of the secretary or his designee; conduct geological mapping; prepare geological hazards assessments and resource inventories; and conduct process investigations and related studies.

G. The office of energy shall organize, plan, supervise, direct, administer, execute, and be responsible for the functions and programs relating to the deployment and operation of alternative energy infrastructure in this state in a manner that results in affordable and reliable energy. The office of energy shall also work in cooperation with the Center for Energy Studies Institute to create and carry out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program which will collect, evaluate, assemble, analyze, and disseminate data and information which is relevant to energy resource reserves, energy production, demand, and technology, and related economic and statistical information, or which is relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future of the state. The office of energy shall work to provide the department and the Natural Resources Commission with technical assistance and expertise in matters related to energy and natural resources and shall also work to identify policy options relative to energy related matters upon request. Finally, the office of energy shall coordinate with academic and research institutions who possess specialized expertise in areas related to energy and natural resources on behalf of the department.

On motion of Senator Hensgens, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Hensgens moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Myers
Abraham Foil Owen
Allain Hensgens Pressly
Barrow Hodges Price
Bass Jackson-Andrews Seabaugh
Boudreaux Jenkins Selders
Carter Kleinpeter Stine
Cathey Lambert Talbot
Connick McMath Womack
Duplessis Miller
Edmonds Mizell
Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cloud Miguez Wheat
Harris Morris
Luneau Reese
Total - 7

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Hensgens moved to

reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 128—

BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 47:818.52(D), the introductory paragraph of 1516.1(B), 1562(A), 1565(A), 1566(B), and the introductory paragraph of 1602(D)(2), relative to certain notices sent by the Department of Revenue; to provide relative to authorized changes of address by the Department of Revenue; to provide for private entities from which addresses may be obtained; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Foil moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Owen
Abraham Foil Pressly
Allain Hensgens Price
Bass Hodges Seabaugh
Boudreaux Jackson-Andrews Selders
Carter Jenkins Stine
Cathey Kleinpeter Talbot
Cloud McMath Wheat
Connick Miller Womack
Duplessis Mizell
Edmonds Myers
Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow Luneau Reese
Harris Miguez
Lambert Morris
Total - 7

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Foil moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 149—

BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1365(7) and (10), relative to the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds; to provide for bid requirements; to provide relative to maturity dates; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Foil moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Edmonds Myers
Abraham Fesi Owen
Allain Foil Pressly
Barrow Hensgens Price
Bass Hodges Seabaugh
Boudreaux Jackson-Andrews Selders
Carter Kleinpeter Stine

Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	McMath	Wheat
Connick	Miller	Womack
Duplessis	Mizell	
Total - 32		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris	Luneau	Morris
Jenkins	Miguez	Reese
Total - 6		

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Foil moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 191—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:2201(B), 2207(A) and (E), and 2266.1(A)(1) and to repeal R.S. 47:2207 as amended and reenacted by Section 2 of Act No. 411 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to the assessment, payment, and allocation of ad valorem taxes; to provide for ordinances related to the sale or donation of adjudicated property and the adjudication period thereof; to provide for the act of sale or donation of adjudicated property; to provide for the procedure to recognize amounts due under a tax lien certificate; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 191 by Senator Miller

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 25, following "expiration" and before "three" insert "of"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Miller moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Myers
Abraham	Fesi	Owen
Allain	Foil	Pressly
Barrow	Hensgens	Price
Bass	Hodges	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Selders
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	McMath	Wheat
Connick	Miller	Womack
Duplessis	Mizell	
Total - 32		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris	Luneau	Morris
Jenkins	Miguez	Reese
Total - 6		

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Miller moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 238—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:2121, relative to the assessment, payment, and collection of ad valorem taxes; to provide for the collection of delinquent statutory impositions; to provide for tax notice requirements; to provide relative to notice and enforcement requirements for certain tax sales; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Miller moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Myers
Abraham	Fesi	Owen
Allain	Foil	Pressly
Barrow	Hensgens	Price
Bass	Hodges	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Selders
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	McMath	Wheat
Connick	Miller	Womack
Duplessis	Mizell	
Total - 32		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris	Luneau	Morris
Jenkins	Miguez	Reese
Total - 6		

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Miller moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

Rules Suspended

Senator Price asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to the Morning Hour.

Introduction of Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions

SENATE BILL NO. 411—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1798.6(A)(2)(b), relative to leases of certain property by the Office Facilities Corporation; to provide for certain contracts between the Office Facilities Corporation and various state agencies to effectuate leases or subleases of certain properties in Orleans Parish; to provide for limitations on lease and sublease terms; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

March 18, 2026

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 412— BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 13 in Evangeline Parish as the "Roy Chaffin "Bayou Boogie" Memorial Highway"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 413— BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:1270(A)(10), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; to provide for the duties and powers of the board; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

Senator Kleinpeter, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

March 18, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

The following Senate Concurrent Resolution has been properly enrolled:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10— BY SENATORS DUPLESSIS, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAU, HENRY, KLEINPETER, LUNEAU, MILLER, MIZELL, MORRIS, MYERS, PRESSLY, PRICE, REESE, SELDERS, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, CARPENTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, GREEN, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, PHELPS, TAYLOR, WALTERS AND YOUNG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of Dr. Norman Christopher Francis upon the occasion of his passing.

Respectfully submitted, CALEB SETH KLEINPETER Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolution was signed by the President of the Senate.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Carter, Cathey, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Mizell, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Seabaugh, Selders, Stine

Cloud Connick Duplessis Total - 33

Lambert McMath Miller

Talbot Wheat Womack

ABSENT

Harris Luneau Total - 5

Miguez Morris

Reese

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Days, Name, Days. Harris 1 Day, Morris 1 Day, Reese 1 Day, Miguez 1 Day, Luneau 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for March 23, 2026, were announced:

Table with 3 columns: Committee, Time, Room. Finance 9:00 A.M. Room A, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs 2:00 P.M. Hainkel Room

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 5:33 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Monday, March 23, 2026, at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE Journal Clerk